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CONVERSATION WITH REDIN ABOUT SMIRNOV'S RETURN FROM PORTLAND TO SEATTLE (1944)

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To VIKTOR. [i]

Further to our telegram No. 163[a] of 12th July. In conversation with the convoy officer, REDIN, [ii] it was ascertained that SMIRNOV [iii] was to have left [in the certificates] [in SVINTEL'STVA] in PORTLAND, but on his return to SEATTLE he was found to have them with him. Before leaving PORTLAND, SMIRNOV called in at the Cipher Office [SSHQ] of the Purchasing Commission, but it is not known what he took from there, as no check is made on documents contained in sealed packages.

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[1 group unrecovered]

T.N.: [a] Not yet available.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] REDIN: Presumably Lt. Nikolaj Grigorievich REDIN, who was attached to the Soviet Government Purchasing Commission in SEATTLE.

[iii] SMIRNOV: Cf. reference to SMIRNOV and other students being detached for work in the Purchasing Commission, NEW YORK message No. 869 of 17th June 1944 (3/NHP/T243). He may be identical with Andrej Semenovich SMIRNOV, who was a Soviet Student at Columbia University.

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